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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Dear Patient,

I'm sure you've been hearing about the impending furlough for quite some time now, and as expected, you may have concerns about the impact of the furlough on your health care.

On July 8, 2013, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center implemented unpaid furloughs of most of our valued civilian staff members. During this time, as a result of the furlough, you may experience a reduction in services and longer wait times for appointments. We will continue to maintain 24/7 Emergency services.

Please know we will make every effort to minimize the disruption of services and ensure you have continued access to care. You are a vital member of the Walter Reed Bethesda family and we appreciate your patience. Together we will get through this period. As always, it is our honor and pleasure to serve you and above all we remain committed to providing safe, quality health care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. L. Stocks".

A. L. STOCKS
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